

Agriculture & Extension Education Committee
June 13, 2006
Minutes

Committee members present: Wilbur Petroskey, Tom Rudolph, Guy Hansen and Paul Dean.

Others present: Dan Kuzlik, Patricia McGee, Jim Winkler, Toni Rogers, Jim Kumbera, Howard Sipple, John Coyle and Kerri Ison.

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair Wilbur Petroskey at 1 p.m.

Approval of agenda: Motion by Tom Rudolph/Paul Dean to approve the agenda for today. All ayes; motion carried.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Guy Hansen/Paul Dean to approve the minutes of May 11, 2006. Discussion followed. All ayes; motion carried.

Date of future meetings:

July 5, 2006 9 a.m. Extension classroom

Main Street Director update: Dan Kuzlik reported he is working with the Human Relations Committee on the search for a Main Street Director. Small "teaser" ads have been placed in regional newspapers listing the web address of the Oneida County Extension office, giving a significant savings to the advertising budget. The office website lists the position description and application, as well as links to information about Rhinelander and the Main Street Program. Application deadline is 6/16/06 with plans to review applications next week.

Oneida County Tourism Committee update: Dan Kuzlik reported the fourth meeting was held yesterday. The Committee seems to be making good progress with plans to meet twice more by the end of August. There has been good participation and those involved have been very faithful in their attendance. A report to the Board can be expected after the last meeting. Guy Hansen noted that it has become apparent that Extension staff was previously involved with the Chamber of Commerce and it seems the need has arisen again.

I & E Club update: Dan Kuzlik reported 22 people participated in the organizational meeting last month. The next meeting is June 20th at the Northern Advantage Job Center at 6:30 p.m. Bill Baker from Stillwater, Minnesota will discuss the process of taking an idea for a business venture or invention to fruition. The Club has participation from all five counties involved, but most are from Rhinelander. Discussion followed.

Fair report: John Coyle distributed a proof of a poster highlighting events for the 2006 Oneida County Fair and reviewed the schedule of events. The trollies will be used

in the Fourth of July Parade to promote the Fair. Wilbur Pertroskey urged the Committee to attend at least one day of the fair. Jim Winkler noted the Ag Olympics will be held on Saturday with hopes of expansion. Howard Sipple, Summer 4-H Assistant, was introduced and provided some background on himself.

Coyle reported the contracts are delayed at this point. Last year following the fair, the Subcommittee requested assistance from Corporation Counsel in designing a multipurpose contract to be used with vendors to speed up the approval process. Tom Wiensch has been working on the issue and has developed specific contracts for the demo derby, three different entertainment and three different vendor contracts, to help address insurance concerns. Coyle received the draft contracts last week and is now working to get things put together. Discussion followed.

John Coyle noted that Tammy Schonenboom has been hired as the Fair Secretary, taking over for Joni Hintz who resigned in January. He also noted there are still two openings for Subcommittee members.

Correspondence: Wilbur Petroskey read and circulated a letter from the Subcommittee expressing their commitment to the Oneida County Fair and asking the County to reconsider selling any available county property that could be used for the Oneida County Fair. The letter was submitted into record. Discussion followed. Guy Hansen suggested a similar letter be given to the School District and City of Rhinelander. He also questioned what the needs are as far as size, infrastructure, etc. Lengthy discussion continued. It is Subcommittee's hope that the letter be forwarded to the County Board to bring the issue to the County, as a whole, and perhaps the Board would appoint a Subcommittee to do a land search, etc. Guy Hansen suggested drafting a resolution to form a Subcommittee for County Board approval to address this issue. He also suggested a spec sheet be developed listing needs. Lengthy discussion continued. Staff was directed to look into the feasibility of establishing a Subcommittee and to find out what other counties use for a fairgrounds.

Monthly invoices for Oneida County Fair: None.

Monthly budget report: Motion by Tom Rudolph/Guy Hansen to approve the monthly budget report for the period ending 5/31/06. All ayes; motion carried.

Monthly invoices: Motion by Guy Hansen/Paul Dean to approve the monthly invoices as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

WNEP annual agreement: Toni Rogers distributed the annual agreement letter that breaks down the county's in-kind contribution to the program for which federal matching funds are received. She also provided the budget for the fiscal period 10/2/06 through 9/30/07 for review. Discussion followed. Motion by Guy Hansen/Tom Rudolph to approve the WNEP annual agreement as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

OCEDC monthly update: Jim Kumbera reported the process for annexation of the property purchased for the business park has begun. Karen Isbrands Brown will discuss "green" business parks, "green" businesses and what that designation means at the OCEDC meeting on Wednesday. A regional search for a consultant for the business park who will be conscious of the Northwoods and have experience and knowledge in this area has been started. Discussions will soon begin with Oldenburg Lakeshore Group regarding access to the new park.

Kumbera encouraged Committee members to attend a meeting on 6/22/06 at 11 a.m. at City Hall. The Secretary of Commerce will be there to make an announcement regarding downtown Rhinelander. New business prospects include one in Woodruff and one in the Monico area.

Paul Dean excused at 2:55 p.m. due to other commitments.

Youth in Governance update: Jim Winkler distributed a draft resolution for review. Winkler has been working with Corporation Counsel and a copy was submitted to the County Clerk's office to be included on the June County Board agenda. He has since received an email from Bob Bruso requesting revisions and that the resolution be redrafted and resubmitted for the July County Board meeting. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the changes. Winkler will redraft the resolution and resubmit it for approval at the next meeting. Petroskey requested the finalized draft resolution be included in the agenda packets.

Winkler met with Larry Greschner regarding the mentoring portion of the TAG program and noted his support. Winkler is still seeking a County Board mentor from the Rhinelander area and hopes that one member of this Committee would agree to do this. Discussion followed. Winkler has met with several county committees, and plans to meet with others, to give a presentation about the TAG program and request their support of having youth serve on their committees as requested. Winkler also noted he sent letters to several organizations seeking donations to help support costs for the TAG program.

Plat book update: Jim Winkler distributed a copy of the new plat book for review. Cost is \$30 and copies have been distributed to area resellers. The book distributed by the 4-H Leader's Association will have a 4-H cover and full page ad -- the book being distributed by Rockford Map Company will have a different cover.

WACEC annual meeting: Ison distributed hotel information to those attending the WACEC meeting in Oshkosh. She will make arrangements with the hotel regarding tax exempt status and billing. Dan Kuzlik will try to arrange for an auction item.

Agent reports: Discussion followed on the reports. Motion by Guy Hansen/Tom Rudolph to approve the agent reports as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Out-of-county travel requests:

Kuzlik:

6/12/06	Oneida County Tourism Committee	Minocqua*
6/23-24/06	Northern District CNRED Workshop	Stevens Point*
6/24-27/06	WACEC Annual Conference	Oshkosh*
TBA	Plan of Work review	Price County*
7/24-8/11/06	VACATION	
8/1/06	Lake Baikal AIS Study	Siberia, Russia***

McGee:

6/14-15/06	Strengthening Families Training	Mole Lake*
TBA	Meeting w/Family Living Colleagues	Madison**

Winkler:

8/10-12/06	Support 4-H Youth showing rabbits/poultry @ WI State Fair	Milwaukee*
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*county expense

**district/state expense

***other expense

Motion by Guy Hansen/Tom Rudolph to approve the out-of-county travel requests as presented. All ayes; motion carried.

Public comment: Dan Kuzlik questioned the protocol of filling the vacancy on the County Board, as well as this Committee, following the resignation of John Potters. Discussion followed. It was noted the County Board Chair will recommend a replacement to County Board who will vote on it. The County Board Chair will then make Committee assignments.

Items for future agenda: Land search for fairgrounds, TAG, MOCK, appointment of new committee member, report on WACEC meeting.

Adjournment: Motion by Tom Rudolph/Wilbur Petroskey to adjourn at 3:42 p.m. All ayes; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerri Ison
Recording Secretary

Wilbur Petroskey, Chair